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SUBJ: LEIGH EXPOUNDS JUNTA'S SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

1. SUMMARY. SPEAKING TO "COMMUNITY LEADERS" JULY 31, JUNTA MEMBER GEN. GUSTAVO LEIGH PRESENTED GOVT'S PLAN FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON ROLE OF GRASS-ROOTS ORGANIZATIONS. TO ACHIEVE GOAL OF "INTEGRATED SOCIETY," MINISTERIAL SOCIAL COUNCIL WILL SET NATIONAL POLICIES WHICH WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS OF GOVT VIA MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. LOCAL CIVIC GROUPS ARE ENCOURAGED TO "PARTICIPATE" BY PROPOSING "SOLUTIONS TO THEIR PROBLEMS," BUT GOVT OFFICIALS RETAIN ALL DECISION-MAKING POWER. NO PROVISION IS MADE FOR ELECTIONS OF ANY KIND NOR FOR EXPRESSION OF "POLITICAL" POINTS OF VIEW. END SUMMARY.

2. ADDRESSING SOME 2,500 "LEADERS OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS" EVENING JULY 31 IN DIEGO PORTALES BUILDING (SEAT OF GOVT), JUNTA MEMBER AND AIR FORCE CINC GEN. GUSTAVO LEIGH STRESSED JUNTA GOAL OF "BUILDING A NEW AND AUTHENTICALLY CHILEAN SOCIETY." REITERATING A STANDARD GOC THEME, LEIGH STATED JUNTA IS CONVINCED THAT "TRADITIONAL SCHEMES (OF GOVT) WERE EXHAUSTED" BY FAILURES OF POLITICIANS "WHICH BEGAN BEFORE ADVENT OF ALLENDE" (I.E., FREI AND CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS). IN LAST DECADE, HE CONTINUED, CHILE LACKED "STRATEGIC POLICIES AND NATIONAL OBJECTIVES" AND "IMPORTED FOREIGN DOCTRINES." JUNTA PLANS TO REMEDY THESE DEFECTS

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AND WILL BUILD "AN INTEGRATED, JUST, AND FREE SOCIETY."

3. PROGRESS OF CHILE, ARGUED LEIGH, IS DEPENDENT NOT ONLY ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUT ALSO ON: (1) FORMULATING NATIONAL GOALS, (2) PRESENTING A FAVORABLE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL IMAGE, (3) CREATING AN "ORGANIC STRUCTURE" TO BRING DEVELOPMENT TO GRASS-ROOTS LEVEL, AND (4) UNDERTAKING SPECIAL SOCIAL PLANS AND PROGRAMS. LEIGH INCLUDED WITHIN "SOCIAL AREA" SUCH ITEMS AS CULTURAL AFFAIRS, EDUCATION, JUSTICE, NATIONAL DEFENSE, HEALTH, HOUSING, PUBLIC WORKS, LABOR, TRANSPORTATION, POLICY TOWARD CORPORATIONS, AND SPORTS. ROLE OF MINISTERIAL SOCIAL COUNCIL HEADED BY LEIGH IS TO FORMULATE PLANS IN ALL THESE AREAS TO GO INTO OPERATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. "WE DO NOT HAVE THE LUXURY OF FIRST WAITING FOR THE ECONOMY TO FLOWER."

4. JUAN ESTEBAN MANRIQUEZ, DIR OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, MIN INTERIOR, OUTLINED IN MORE DETAIL WAY NEW SYSTEM WILL SUPPOSEDLY WORK. SUCH LOCAL LEVEL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS (JUNTAS DE VECINOS) AND MOTHERS CENTERS (CENTROS DE MADRES) WILL BE "THE PRINCIPAL INSTRUMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS WHICH AFFECT THEM" AND ACT AS "CONNECTING POINTS" BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS AND GOVT AUTHORITIES. THEY WILL PROPOSE SPECIFIC COURSES OF ACTION TO LOCAL MAYOR WHO WILL "INTEGRATE" THEM INTO OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE MUNICIPALITY. MEANWHILE, MINISTERIAL SOCIAL COUNCIL WILL FORMULATE OVERALL NATIONAL POLICY WHICH WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO PROVINCIAL (OR REGIONAL) OFFICIALS AND THENCE TO MAYORS VIA MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, WHICH WILL BE GOC'S ACTION ARM FOR SOCIAL POLICY. UNDER THIS PLAN, EACH MUNICIPALITY WILL HAVE A RESIDENT OFFICE FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS "TO ASSIST LOCAL GROUPS AND THE MAYOR." FINAL RESULT WILL BE "AN INTEGRATED SOCIETY WITH GENUINE PARTICIPATION."

5. COMMENT. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, NEITHER LEIGH NOR ANYONE ELSE DURING MEETING MENTIONED ELECTIONS. LEIGH'S "SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT" OPERATION IS CLEARLY ENVISAGED AS A TOP-DOWN PLAN IN WHICH LOCAL GROUPS MAY PROPOSE ACTIVITIES BUT NON-ELECTED GOVT OFFICIALS RETAIN FULL AUTHORITY AND DECISION-MAKING POWER. THE CONCEPT APPEARS AUTHORITARIAN, AND THERE SEEMS TO BE NO PLACE IN THIS SCHEME FOR ORGANIZED POLITICAL PARTIES OR FOR EXPRESSION OF "POLITICAL" POINTS OF VIEW. AS SUCH, CONFIDENTIAL

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PLAN IS ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH JUNTA'S DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND OTHER POLICY STATEMENTS ON HOW IT PLANS TO GOVERN CHILE. ON OTHER HAND, THERE WAS APPARENTLY NO MENTION OF MUCH-DISCussed "CIVIC MOVEMENT" DESIGNED TO SUPPORT JUNTA ALTHOUGH SUCH A MOVEMENT COULD FIT COMFORTABLY WITHIN LEIGH'S PARAMETERS.
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